

JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL NUTRITION SERVICES



2017-2018 School Year

Our Mission:

“To fuel our students for the school day by providing nutritious meals and promote health and wellness throughout the district. Our staff strive to display excellent customer service and create a welcoming environment for our students.”

We are excited to kick off another school year! Our staff are extremely passionate about serving your children nutritious and delicious breakfast and lunch meals daily. Our middle school and high school offer daily salad bars and, when possible, feature locally grown produce grown right here in our community. All of our schools offer Grab n' Go breakfast which gives them the opportunity to eat breakfast in the classroom or before class begins; what a great way to start a school day! There are so many awesome benefits of eating a healthy breakfast and we hope many students take advantage of this convenient breakfast option in every school. Remember, breakfast is FREE for Free/Reduced eligible students. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL DINING SERVICES!**



2017-2018 School Year Meal Pricing

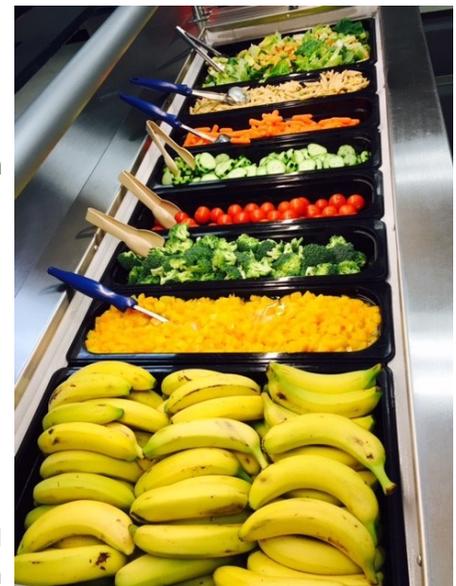
We offer balanced, delicious, and nutritious meals every day - so you can let us worry what's for breakfast and lunch! All schools offer at least two entrée choices daily.

We do our best to keep meal prices at a reasonable price.

And don't forget, we offer free and reduced priced meals for families that qualify-see application information.

- ⇒ **Free & Reduced Eligible students have the opportunity to eat breakfast AND lunch at NO CHARGE– take advantage of this great option!** (Please note: a full breakfast and lunch must be taken by the student to receive the free meal. Milk only, a la carte items, or extra entrées will be charged to the student's account.)
- ⇒ **ALL kindergarten students are offered a FREE, complete breakfast every day in their classroom!**
 - ⇒ **Full Pay Elementary Student: \$2.50**
 - ⇒ **Full Pay Middle School & High School Student: \$2.65**
 - ⇒ **Grab n' Go Breakfast in ALL Schools: \$1.65**
- ⇒ **Adult Lunch for District: \$3.70 & Adult Breakfast for District: \$2.35**

- ⇒ Cash or check payments should be given to the administrative assistant in the school office. Place cash payments in a sealed envelope with full name of student(s) written on the outside. For check payments, please write your student(s) full name in the memo section of check. If you would like the payment split between family members, please let us know how you would like it split. Payments turned in after 10:00am will be processed the following day.



Low Balance/Negative Reminders

Cashiers do their best to provide a verbal warning at the cash register to students in MS and HS when their balance falls below \$5.00. A notice will be sent home weekly for students who are low/negative. Infinite Campus will send an automated reminder via text/email when below \$15.00 and also when you are negative.

Insufficient Funds Policy: It is the parent's responsibility to keep a positive balance in the student's account. Students will be allowed to charge up to a maximum of \$5.00, and then a peanut butter sandwich will be offered (with a milk) at no charge for 3 days or until a payment is made. Students are not allowed to purchase any a la carte items if their meal balance is zero or negative. A la carte items include extra entrees, extra milk or milk only, side items, or any other items not included in a reimbursable meal. Purchases can not be made using a friend's account. For student accounts with negative balances, the food service director or building administrator may make calls or send emails to parents.

Applications for Educational Benefits

Parents are encouraged to read the Application for Educational Benefits information thoroughly and fill out if they may qualify. The application and information are included with this newsletter, at the building offices, or available online at www.jccschools.com. Questions about this form should be directed to Dana Boler at dana.boler@jccschools.com or 507-847-6637.

***A new household application must be filled out every year. Please send the new application at the beginning of the school year before your eligibility returns to full paid (If you were Free/Reduced last year).**

Special Dietary Needs

According to the National School Lunch Program Act, JCC is required to adhere to specific regulations to accommodate special diets for students. If a child has been determined by a physician to be disabled and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, JCC will make modifications or substitutions as prescribed by the physician and no additional charge. Generally, children with food allergies or intolerances do not have a disability and the school may, but is not required, to make food substitutions for them. However, when food allergies result in severe and life threatening reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of a "disability".

Lactose free milk is available upon a parent's written request. The Lactose Free Form is available online on JCC's website and must be turned in prior to the school year to the school office.

If you have special dietary needs for your child, you must fill out a "With a Disability" (Physician's signature needed) or "Without a Disability" form. Both forms are found online on the website, under nutrition services and the school nurse tab. **These forms must be updated every school year to provide us with up-to-date information.** Please make sure forms are sent back to the school office as soon as possible, prior to school starting so we can accommodate any allergy substitutions on the first day of school.

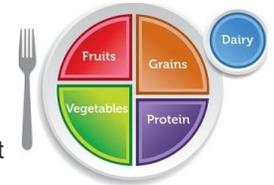
We invite you to eat lunch with your student at any time. Please give the office a heads up so they can let the kitchen know and pay the parent visitor amount of \$3.70 prior to eating lunch in the school office. Thank you!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

What is Offer vs. Serve?

Federal guidelines determine what constitute as a reimbursable breakfast and lunch. All schools follow Offer vs. Serve which allows all students to choose what they would like to eat as long as enough items are present on their tray. This reduces waste and it allows students to make their own choices. Free and Reduced students must take a full meal in order for there to be no charge. All of our schools encourage a full meal to students.

- Students must be offered 5 components: meat or meat alternate, fruit, vegetable, bread or grain, and milk.
- Students must take at least 3 of the 5 items being offered for the school to receive Federal and State funding. Milk does not need to be one of the items students take. We encourage students to try foods!
- A student who takes 3, 4, or 5 food items pays the same price, this is considered a reimbursable meal.
- If a student selects less than 3 items, the meal is not considered a reimbursable meal and food selections will be charged to student at a la carte prices.



More Information:

- For questions, please contact Dana Boler, Food Service Director
- dana.boler@jccschools.com or 507-847-6637
- Menus and more are posted online at www.jccschools.com
- Like us on Facebook-**Jackson County Central Dining Services**. We post pictures, menus, and other nutrition information.

